

## ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR WHEELER

Slayer of Fifteen Year Old Stenographer Ruth Wheeler Guilty of First Degree Murder

### JURY OUT ONE HOUR FIFTY MINUTES

Defendant Slept Soundly in His Cell while the Jury Deliberated on His Fate. He Showed No Emotion when Led Into Court to Hear the Verdict—Wolter will be Sentenced Next Wednesday.

New York, April 22.—Albert Wolter, the youth of 19 years, who was "crazy" about women must die in the electric chair for the murder of Ruth Wheeler, a fifteen-year-old stenographer. After only one hour and fifty minutes of deliberation, a jury in the county court found him guilty of murder in the first degree at 10:30 o'clock tonight, bringing to a close a trial marked by swiftness and testimony of horror.

#### Listened Calmly to the Verdict.

The boy's counsel said with eloquence this afternoon that Wolter was too tender-hearted to harm a cat, but twelve men decided tonight that he choked Ruth Wheeler and thrust her while yet alive into the electric chair. When asked with oil, she turned to death. With the same wince faced indifference that she showed through the trial, Wolter evinced no emotion when the verdict was announced. With almost inhuman composure, he was asleep in his cell and sleeping soundly while the jury deliberated on his fate.

#### Stay of Sentence Until Wednesday.

Immediately after the announcement of the verdict, Wallace D. Scott, counsel for Wolter, made a formal motion that the verdict be set aside, but Judge Foster overruled him and Scott hurriedly took the case after having obtained a stay of sentence until Wednesday.

#### Prisoner Faced the Jury.

The jurymen themselves showed emotion, while the boy who must die tonight, was led into the room and took his seat. He was a pale, thin-faced, nervous-looking youth, but his complexion is naturally unwholesome, and his attitude was accentuated by the brilliant lights of the courtroom. When asked if they had found a verdict, William K. Kup, foreman of the jury, answered in a shaking voice, "We have." He then announced the jury's verdict, finding Wolter guilty of murder in the first degree. All eyes immediately shifted toward the prisoner, who was being taken to his cell. He was being handcuffed to officers preparatory to being taken to the electric chair.

#### Defendant Tired and Wanted to Sleep.

Neither relatives of the murderer nor of his victim were in court to see the verdict. The trial was held in court during the afternoon, but as he heard the decision which means death he was among strangers. Wolter was made a statement from him on his way to the Tombs, but he refused to talk. "I don't want to talk tonight. I'm tired and I want to get a little good sleep first," he said.

#### Ruth Wheeler Was Killed March 24.

Ruth Wheeler was killed on Thursday, March 24, falling to dispose of her body in the fireplace. Wolter cut it apart and hid it in a box. She was wrapped in burlap on a fire escape, from where it was pushed into the yard below. A gruesome discovery led to his arrest.

#### SHORTEST DEFENSE EVER MADE

IN A NOTABLE MURDER CASE.

Scathing Arraignment of Prisoner by District Attorney in Summing Up—Judge Foster's Charge Occupied But Eighteen Minutes.

New York, April 22.—The last chapter in the effort to save Wolter from the electric chair began at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, when Judge Foster, with his lawyer, began summing up for the defense. Both sides had rested at 1:30, after the shortest defense ever made in a notable murder case in New York.

#### Wolter on Stand Three Hours.

Wolter himself was the chief witness, and remained on the stand three hours. Under the guidance of counsel he answered a carefully prepared set of questions, and was under no severe cross-examinations. By Frank Moss, the assistant district attorney, when he had finished, he was adjourned until 4:30 for the summing up.

#### GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH

TAKES THE VEIL OF A NUN. She is Widow of the Grand Duke Sergius Who Was Assassinated.

Moscow, April 22.—The Grand Duchess Elizabeth, who is the widow of Grand Duke Sergius and a sister of Empress Alexandra, took the veil of a nun today. She will devote herself to the hospital of the woman's refuge which was founded after the assassination of her husband, Feb. 17, 1905, by a bomb.

The ceremony of taking the orders was impressive in its simplicity. There was no distinction made between the grand duchess and the eighteen other women of noble birth and peasants who simultaneously took the veil as Sisters of Mercy. The ceremony took place in the institution and Elizabeth will be its future mother superior.

Among those who witnessed the rites was Princess Henry of Prussia. Grand Duchess Elizabeth's sister, Last week the grand duchess paid a farewell visit to the emperor and empress and other relatives in St. Petersburg.

#### Egyptian Statuette Stolen from Metropolitan Museum of Art.

New York, April 22.—Conrad Hewitt, superintendent of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, reported to the police today that a bronze statuette of ancient Egyptian origin and valued at \$1,500, had been stolen from the museum some time between the opening hours Wednesday and the closing hours on Thursday. There is no clue to the thief.

#### Duel Between Greek Naval Officers.

Athens, April 22.—In a duel today between Captain Tzankoulas and Commander Ghioptolis, the naval officers, Tzankoulas shot and killed his adversary. The cause of the duel is not known.

## Condensed Telegrams

Wilhelmshaven, April 22.—While the German battleship, Zähringen, was coaling today, a derrick chain broke, permitting a huge coal bucket to fall upon the lighter, severely injuring the mate and six other men.

Cologne, April 22.—The governmental airship fleet, which was delayed by boisterous weather yesterday, started for Hamburg today. The squadron, consisting of three aerial cruisers, will be reviewed at Hamburg by the emperor.

London, April 22.—Davidson Dalziel, the well known financier and unionist member of parliament, for Lambeth, has purchased the controlling interest in The Standard and the Evening Standard. The Standard, the state of whose health compels him to restrict the sphere of his business activities. There will be a change in the policy of the newspapers.

HELD UP THE FARE BANK. Highwaymen Line up the Customers of a Utah Saloon.

Patric City, Utah, April 22.—Two highwaymen entered the Oak saloon this morning, lined the twenty occupants of the room up in the back room, tapping the cash register and roulette game to the extent of \$500, and escaped.

Leaped 120 Feet to Her Death. New York, April 22.—Mrs. John A. Laender, wife of a musician, selected the highest point on the elevated railway, leaped 120 feet to her death from the 110th street station. She died in an automobile on the way to a hospital. She had been a sufferer with a nerve disorder and was fifty years old.

T. A. B. SOCIETY DANCE. Arbor Day Social Was Well Attended.

St. Mary's T. A. and B. society again on Friday evening justified its reputation for giving delightful and largely attended socials. A B. hall was filled with dancers all the evening, including visitors from the societies in New London and elsewhere. This was an Arbor day social and dance, and in harmony therewith the hall was decorated with the many dainty gowns worn suggested the vernal season.

For the arranged programme of eighteen numbers and the orchestra played and sung to the accompaniment of the following were in charge: Master of ceremonies, Edward J. Kilgus; floor leader, William J. Kilgus; Misses, W. J. Murphy, J. J. Smith, W. G. Casey, A. J. Brady; reception committee, John Blacker, William Naughton, John Donohue, Thomas Connell, D. T. Shea, John M. Lee, C. O. Murphy, James Carey.

Among the out of town people present were Michael J. Carroll of Waterbury, formerly of this city; Thomas Tuite and William McKenna of Waterbury, Joseph Combs, James Lenthin, James Lyon, Frank Cullum and Chris Barry of New London.

Third Appeal from Assessors. An appeal from the action of the board of assessors of the town of Waterbury was taken Thursday afternoon by James E. Comstock of Quaker Hill. Papers in the appeal were served on town clerk George G. Galt.

Mr. Comstock alleges that four cottages situated on his land at Quaker Hill had been assessed to the wrong taxable property. Although the cottages are on his property, they are owned by the late Theodore Roosevelt, Gray Smith and a boat club. Mr. Comstock asks that these cottages be assessed to the boat club.

The board of assessors made the addition on the law that all real estate owned by a person who is not a resident of the town, but who owns property in the town, shall be assessed to the owner of the property.

Members of Crew Dissatisfied. A despatch from Newport News, Va., on Friday said: Ten dissatisfied members of the crew of the whaling schooner Margaret of Gloucester, Mass., now lying in Hampton Roads, left the vessel on Thursday night, claiming to be in the United States court at Norfolk. The Margaret left Boston some time ago on a cruise. She sprang a leak and put into Barbados, where for ninety-three days she was laid up. The crew, who say that the men are demanding pay.

Play at Fitchville. At Palmer hall in Fitchville on Friday evening, under the auspices of the M. D. C. a play called The Old New Hampshire Home was well given by local amateurs. There were also a number of entertaining specialties.

Stationary Engineers Meet. The regular meeting of the Norwich Stationary Engineers Association, No. 6, was held Friday evening in their room in the Bill block. Mr. Larach, secretary, presided. The evening was a very interesting one on the operations of the license law in different communities.

House at Leffingwell Burned. What is known as the Joseph Landolt place at Leffingwell, in Montville, near Leffingwell, was burned to the ground early Friday morning. The fire was discovered at 2 o'clock. The John C. Yeomans, who lived there, the story and a half building was entirely destroyed. Mr. Yeomans' fortune, estimated at \$300,000, was lost. The cause of the fire is not known.

Construction Company Officers. A certificate of organization of the Norwich Construction Company of Norwich, Inc., was filed with the state secretary. The officers are: President, Albert E. Stark; secretary and treasurer, Clinton E. Stark.

Stone for Bank Arrives. A boatload of stone for the new Chelsea Savings bank building arrived here on Friday. It will be used in the foundation and the main floor.

At Colchester Dance. An amateur party of fifteen Norwich young men in their machines attended a dance in Colchester on Friday evening. James P. Sheridan, Fred G. Galt and J. J. Smith were in charge of the machines.

Barge of Coal Grounded. On Friday afternoon a barge of coal being towed to this city grounded on the middle ground in the harbor and remained in midstream until the tide rose and it was hauled off.

## Gave Gala Dinner Funeral Services

Of 104 Covers In New York

BRILLIANT ASSEMBLAGE AT THE ELYSEE PALACE. THIS MORNING AT THE BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

IN HONOR OF ROOSEVELT BURIAL IN ELMIRA, N. Y.

French President Fallieres Offers a Toast to the Great Friend of France and Great Friend of Peace.

Paris, April 22.—President and Mme. Fallieres gave a gala dinner of 104 covers tonight to the Elisee palace in honor of Theodore Roosevelt. The entire palace was brilliantly illuminated and the Republican club lined the stairways. The assemblage was a notable one.

Dinner Served in the Gorgeous Salle Des Fetes. President Fallieres took out Mrs. Roosevelt, who looked charming in a blue dress, and escorted her to the station where the body of Mark Twain was prepared for interment—Village of Redding Mourns Its Benefactor and Friend.

Redding, Conn., April 22.—The village of Redding was in mourning today for its benefactor and friend, Mark Twain, who had endeared himself by his kindly good nature and generosity, and tomorrow morning when the body is taken to the station to be placed on the train which is to take it New York where funeral services will be held in the Brick Presbyterian church, all business will be suspended and the village will be a scene of mourning.

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Called for National Republican League Convention.

Washington, April 22.—Officers of the National Republican league today issued a call for the biennial convention of the organization in New York June 23. The appointment was accepted by delegates from every section of the country who will be in attendance.

## Cabled Paragraphs

Mrs. Jane I. Fagg, of Mexican war fame, was accidentally asphyxiated.

The Police of Pittsburgh are being taught the Japanese art of Jiu Jitsu.

Sir J. H. W. Schroeder, head of J. H. Schroeder & Co., bankers, died in London.

The Cunard Company is planning for another great steamship like the Mauritania.

Thirteen and a Half Million Acres of coal lands was withdrawn from entry in southeastern Montana.

The Convention of the National association of shellfish commissioners came to an end at Mobile, Ala.

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